(a) the steps being proposed to be taken by Government to speed up the pace of introducing computer education in schools;

(b) the criteria for selecting the schools for the purpose; and

(c) whether NGOs would be involved in implementing the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) and (c) Presently, the Department of Secondary Education and Higher Education is in the midst of formulating a revised computer literacy and studies in schools (CLASS) scheme. The details regarding number of schools etc. are being worked out. State Govts./UTs., autonomous bodies and Private organisations recommended by State Govts. are proposed to be involved in the implementation of the scheme.

Kendriya Vidyalayas in Gujarat

†3734. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas opened in Gujarat so far;

(b) the places where Gujarat Government has so far proposed to open Kendriya Vidyalayas; and

(c) the action taken so far by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) At present, 41 Kendriya Vidyalayas are functioning in the State of Gujarat.

(b) and (c) At present, there is no proposal to open any new Kendriya Vidyalaya in Gujarat.

Agreement with All India Federation of University and College Teachers' Organisations

3735. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of India had entered into an agreement with the All India Federation of University and College Teachers' Organisation in September, 1998;

(b) if so, whether all the items agreed to have been implemented; and

†Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (c) The Government, in a meeting held with the representatives of All India Federation of University and College Teachers' Organisation (AIFUCTO) on 5.9.1998, had discussed a charter of demands relating to revision of pay scales and other conditions of service of University and College teachers. Most of the demands have already been settled. Some of the demands like formulation of a Scheme to recognise and reward meritorious teachers who may not have M.Phil or Ph.D. but who have made outstanding contribution to teaching and research, Readers (MPS), Coaches, Accompanists, etc. are being considered in consultation with representatives of Teachers' Federations and UGC.

Resignation by a Member of ICHR

3736. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a member of the ICHR has tendered her resignation over the decision of the ICHR to withhold publication of volumes under "Towards Freedom Project';

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether she has also raised questions about doctoring of the minutes of the meeting where the alleged decisions of withholding the publications were made;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government would hold an enquiry about her allegations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) No, Sir. ICHR has not received any such resignation letter.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) ICHR has circulated the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20.12.1999. One of the lady members of the Council has made certain observations on these minutes.

(e) No, Sir.